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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING PRESSURE IN A  
SURGICAL TOURNIQUET

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2006 in the above-identified patent application which was assigned a shortened statutory period, set to expire December 13, 2006. This Response is being filed in the second extension period, and a Petition for Two Month Extension of Time is accordingly filed herewith.

Should there be any additional fees due and owing, or being paid in excess of any required amount, with respect to this application, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees or to credit such overpayment to deposit account no. 18-0586.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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